



Void Claims 38 - 51 and substitute the following:

What is claimed is:

52. A balloon display comprised of:

A. at least one framework for supporting balloons wherein each said at least one framework is comprised of material that includes a plurality of apertures and;

B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

(1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable chamber and;

(2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

(3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one first aperture of said at least one framework and;

C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

(1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one inflatable chamber and;

(2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

(3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one second aperture of said least one framework

wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from the group consisting of:

a. at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of inflatable chambers and
2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- b. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second set of inflatable chambers;
- c. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and
 3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- d. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one framework and
 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- e. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and

1 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one
2 set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection
3 point;

4 f. spray adhesive

5 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
6 of inflatable chambers and

7 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one
8 framework ;

9 g. adhesive other than spray adhesive

10 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
11 of inflatable chambers and

12 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one
13 framework;

14 h. at least one area of contact

15 1. is rough in texture and/or

16 2. is rough in form between

17 said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one
18 framework;

19 i. at least one area of contact

20 is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of
21 inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;

22 j. elastic matter

23 1. is part of said at least one framework and

24 2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of
25 said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set
26 of inflatable chambers.

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28 53. The balloon display as recited in claim 52. further comprising at least one set
29 of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by positioning
30 means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least one

1 inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers expanding
2 outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one framework .
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4 54. The balloon display as recited in claim 52. further comprising at least one
5 break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of said
6 connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector
7 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.
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9 55. The balloon display as recited in claim 54. further comprising said break or
10 gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said
11 connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.
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13 56. The balloon display as recited in claim 52. further comprising
14 said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab,
15 protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable
16 chambers.
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18 57. A balloon display comprised of:

19 A. At least one framework for supporting balloons wherein

20 (1) each said at least one framework is comprised of material that
21 includes a plurality of apertures and;

22 (2) at least one of said plurality of apertures is formed of framing
23 elements that are joined with interlocking tabs; and

24 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

25 (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable
26 chamber and;

27 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of
28 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

- 1 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
- 2 least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at
- 3 least one first aperture of said least one framework and;
- 4 C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:
- 5 (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one
- 6 inflatable chamber and;
- 7 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of
- 8 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
- 9 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
- 10 least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by
- 11 at least one second aperture of said least one framework
- 12 wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at
- 13 least one second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective
- 14 positions by positioning means that include one or more positioning means
- 15 selected from the group consisting of:
- 16 a. at least one connector member
- 17 1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of
- 18 inflatable chambers and
- 19 2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said
- 20 at least one framework;
- 21 b. at least one connector member
- 22 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
- 23 inflatable chambers and
- 24 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
- 25 set of inflatable chambers;
- 26 c. at least one connector member
- 27 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of
- 28 inflatable chambers and
- 29 2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second
- 30 and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and

3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- d. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one framework and
 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- e. at least one connector member
 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
 2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and
 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- f. spray adhesive
 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework ;
- g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one framework;
- h. at least one area of contact
 1. is rough in texture and/or

2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;

i. at least one area of contact is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;

j. elastic matter

1. is part of said at least one framework and

2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers.

58. The balloon display as recited in claim 57. further comprising at least one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one framework .

59. The balloon display as recited in claim 57. further comprising

A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed edges comprising

1. at least one end edge and

2. at least two side edges and

3. at least three notches in a series along said side edges

including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on an opposing side edge;

B. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one first framing element and

C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to at least one second framing element and

1 D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing element
2 being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at least
3 one second framing element such that notches of wrapped tabs fit
4 together.
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6 60. The balloon display as recited in claim 57 further comprising at least two said
7 interlocking tabs including

8 A. at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one first
9 framing element and having within its borders an aperture; and

10 B. at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least one
11 second framing element and having a bulbous end or protrusion;

12 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and

13 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said
14 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.
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16 61. The balloon display as recited in claim 57. further comprising at least one
17 break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of said
18 connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector
19 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.
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21 62. The balloon display as recited in claim 61. further comprising said break or
22 gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said
23 connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.
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25 63. The balloon display as recited in claim 57. further comprising said at least one
26 connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other
27 extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.
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29 64. A balloon display comprising:

1 A. a plurality of frameworks for supporting balloons wherein at least two
2 frameworks of said plurality of frameworks is comprised of material that
3 includes a plurality of apertures and;

4 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

5 (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable
6 chamber and;

7 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of
8 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

9 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
10 least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at
11 least one first aperture of said at least two frameworks and;

12 C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

13 (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one
14 inflatable chamber and;

15 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of
16 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

17 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at
18 least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by
19 at least one second aperture of said at least two frameworks;

20 wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one
21 second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by
22 positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from
23 the group consisting of:

24 a. at least one connector member

25 1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of
26 inflatable chambers and

27 2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said
28 at least two frameworks;

29 b. at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and

2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second set of inflatable chambers;

c. at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and

2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and

3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;

d. at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and

2. extends around at least one portion of said at least two frameworks and

3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;

e. at least one connector member

1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and

2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at least two frameworks that circumscribes said portion of at least one inflatable chamber and

3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;

f. spray adhesive

1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and

2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two frameworks ;
- g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set of inflatable chambers and
 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two frameworks;
- h. at least one area of contact
 1. is rough in texture and/or
 2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;
- i. at least one area of contact is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;
- j. elastic matter
 1. is part of said at least two frameworks and
 2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers;
- D. wherein said at least two frameworks are connected with connection means that include one or more connection means selected from the group consisting of:
 1. a first framework of said at least two frameworks and a second framework of said at least two frameworks are joined by fastening means to a common said set of inflatable chambers;
 2. a first framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by fastening means to a first said set of inflatable chambers and a second framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by fastening means to a second said set of inflatable chambers

- 1 and said first said set of inflatable chambers and said second
- 2 said set of inflatable chambers are joined by fastening means;
- 3 3. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion of said
- 4 at least one set of inflatable chambers is connected by fastening
- 5 means to said at least two frameworks;
- 6 4. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least
- 7 two frameworks connects by fastening means to a second
- 8 framework of said at least two frameworks;
- 9 5. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least
- 10 two frameworks connects by fastening means to at least one tab
- 11 extension of a second framework of said at least two
- 12 frameworks.

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- 15 65. The balloon display as recited in claim 64. further comprising
- 16 A. at least two said tab extensions with at least three exposed edges
- 17 comprising
- 18 1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and
- 19 2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at
- 20 least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on
- 21 an opposing side edge
- 22 B. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to
- 23 at least one first framework and
- 24 C. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to
- 25 at least one second framework and
- 26 D. said tab extension attached to said at least one first framework being
- 27 wrapped around said tab extension attached to said at least one
- 28 second framework such that notches of wrapped tabs fit together.
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- 1 66. The balloon display as recited in claim 64 further comprising a set of at least
2 two interlocking tab extensions wherein
3 A. a first said tab extension is attached to at least one first framework and
4 has within its borders an aperture; and
5 B. a second said tab extension is attached to at least one second
6 framework and has a bulbous end or protrusion; and
7 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and
8 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said
9 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.
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- 11 67. The balloon display as recited in claim 64 further comprising interlocking
12 straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches and/or slits that may
13 be nested to hold one strap to another at predetermined intervals.
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- 15 68. The balloon display as recited in claim 64 further comprising a portion of at
16 least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around overlapping
17 portions of said at least two frameworks.
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- 19 69. The balloon display as recited in claim 64. further comprising at least one set
20 of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by positioning
21 means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least one
22 inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers expanding
23 outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least two frameworks.
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- 25 70. The balloon display as recited in claim 64. further comprising at least one
26 break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of said
27 connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector
28 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.
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- 1 71. The balloon display as recited in claim 64. further comprising said at least one
- 2 connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other
- 3 extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.